

WHITEFORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

September 20, 2022

Call to Order: Supervisor Walter Ruhl called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 p.m. Present were Donald Sahloff, Tim Hill, Bernice Heidelberg, Angela Christensen, Walter Ruhl, and Township Attorney, Alex Drescher. There were also 5 guests, along with 4 guests attending via zoom.

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda of September 20, 2022 as amended by adding Todd Roach as Building Inspector made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2022 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Tim Hill. Motion passed 5-0.

Check Registers: Motion to approve the September 20, 2022 General Government check register with disbursements totaling \$378,924.56 made by Tim Hill, second by Donald Sahloff. Motion passed 5-0. Motion to approve the September 20, 2022 Utilities Operations check register with disbursements totaling \$29,559.22 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurer's Financial Report: Motion to approve the September 20, 2022 Treasurer's Financial Report as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Motion passed 5-0.

Rezoning Request by Judy Governo Living Trust: Discussion was held on request by Judy Governo Living Trust, 10499 Stone Quarry Road, Riga, MI 49276 regarding parcel #5815-007-002-00 located at 10433 Stone Quarry Road, Riga, MI 49276. Parcel contains approximately 40 acres. The request is required to divide a 1.988-acre parcel from the parent parcel. This 1.988-acre parcel contains a house and buildings. Appellant is requesting a zoning change from AG-Agricultural to R-2 Low Density Residential. Motion to approve rezoning request as presented made by Donald Sahloff, second by Tim Hill. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Building Inspector Todd Roach: Motion to approve Todd Roach as Whiteford Township Building Inspector made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution To Adjust The Inspection Fees For Electrical Permit Applications: Motion to approve Resolution To Adjust The Inspection Fees For Electrical Permit Applications made by Angela Christensen, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Water Report: Walter Ruhl reported water costs have increased over 13% and recommends raising water rates. He also recommends offering health insurance coverage and salary increases to the water operators.

Election Equipment: Motion to approve purchase of ten voting booths at a cost of \$1,450 made by Bernice Heidelberg, second by Angela Christensen. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Park Report: Walter Ruhl and Ernie Sasse reported the swing set is done and two more small pavilions are finished. Two additional pavilions have been donated and all benches have been installed. The black top grindings from the old cemetery roads have been used to expand Parking Lot B. The "Walk To End Alzheimers" was held September 18 and the "Walk To End Ovarian Cancer" will be held September 25. Whiteford Fall Festival will be held October 8 and "The Fall Throw Down" Disc Golf Tournament will be held October 16. The car shows held every second Tuesday of the month have been a great success.

Road Report: Walter Ruhl and Bob Schnipke reported on the need for a third mowing along primary roads. Motion to approve a third mowing each year by Precision Irrigation and Lawn Care at a cost of \$3,000 made by Donald Sahloff,

second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Fire Report: Whiteford Station #29 had 30 calls for the month of August, 2022. Ottawa Lake Station #42 had 23 calls for the month of August, 2022. Fire Chief Shane Hillard presented a quote from CSI Emergency Apparatus, LLC for repair on Station #29 tanker truck. Motion to approve up to \$15,000 towards repair of Station #29 tanker to be paid from fire millage made by Tim Hill, second by Bernice Heidelberg. Roll call vote: Donald Sahloff, yes, Tim Hill, yes, Bernice Heidelberg, yes, Angela Christensen, yes, Walter Ruhl, yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Water II: Walter Ruhl reported EGLE has approved our permits for the Water II project and the plans have been sent to USDA Rural Development for their approval.

Additional Items To Come Before The Board: None

Public Comment: Justin and Holly Hall, 6843 Section Road, introduced themselves as new residents.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. after completion of the agenda.

Angela Christensen
Whiteford Township Clerk